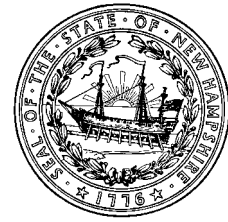


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NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – March 24, 2021

Concord, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has issued the following update on the new coronavirus, COVID-19.

On Wednesday, March 24, 2021, DHHS announced 360 new positive test results for COVID-19, for a current PCR test positivity rate of 2.1%. Please note, there have been an additional 54 cases added to the case count, in addition to the new cases above. These cases were identified during data quality assurance activities and are from December 2020 through March 2021. Today's results include 206 people who tested positive by PCR test and 154 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 2,590 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire. Of the results reported today:

- **3/23: 360** new cases

Several cases are still under investigation. Additional information from ongoing investigations will be incorporated into future COVID-19 updates. Of those with complete information, there are seventy-one individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 47% being female and 53% being male. The new cases reside in Rockingham (113), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (60), Strafford (37), Merrimack (26), Cheshire (23), Grafton (11), Belknap (9), Carroll (9), Coos (8), and Sullivan (5) counties, and in the cities of Nashua (24) and Manchester (16). The county of residence is being determined for nineteen new cases.

Community-based transmission continues to occur in the State and has been identified in all counties. Investigations are pending and risk factors for new cases are unknown at this time.

DHHS has also announced ten additional deaths related to COVID-19. Six of the deaths announced today occurred prior to March 2021 and were recently confirmed as related to COVID-19. We offer our sympathies to the family and friends.

- 1 female resident of Grafton County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 female resident of Hillsborough County, fewer than 60 years of age
- 2 female residents of Hillsborough County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 male resident of Hillsborough County, fewer than 60 years of age
- 2 male residents of Hillsborough County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 female resident of Merrimack County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 male resident of Rockingham County, fewer than 60 years of age
- 1 male resident of Rockingham County, 60 years of age and older

There are currently 70 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 81,521 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed.

Current Situation in New Hampshire

New Hampshire 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report (updated March 24, 2021, 9:00 AM)

NH Persons with COVID-19	81,521
Recovered	77,703 (95%)
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	1,228 (2%)
Total Current COVID-19 Cases	2,590
Current Hospitalizations	70
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) ₂	651,684
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests ₂	38,481
Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL	70,033
Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL ₃	335

₁Includes specimens positive at any laboratory and those confirmed by CDC confirmatory testing.

₂Includes specimens tested at the NH Public Health Laboratories (PHL), LabCorp, Quest, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, and those sent to CDC prior to NH PHL testing capacity.

₃Includes specimens received and awaiting testing at NH PHL. Does not include tests pending at commercial laboratories.

Number of Tests Conducted by Date of Report to NH DHHS

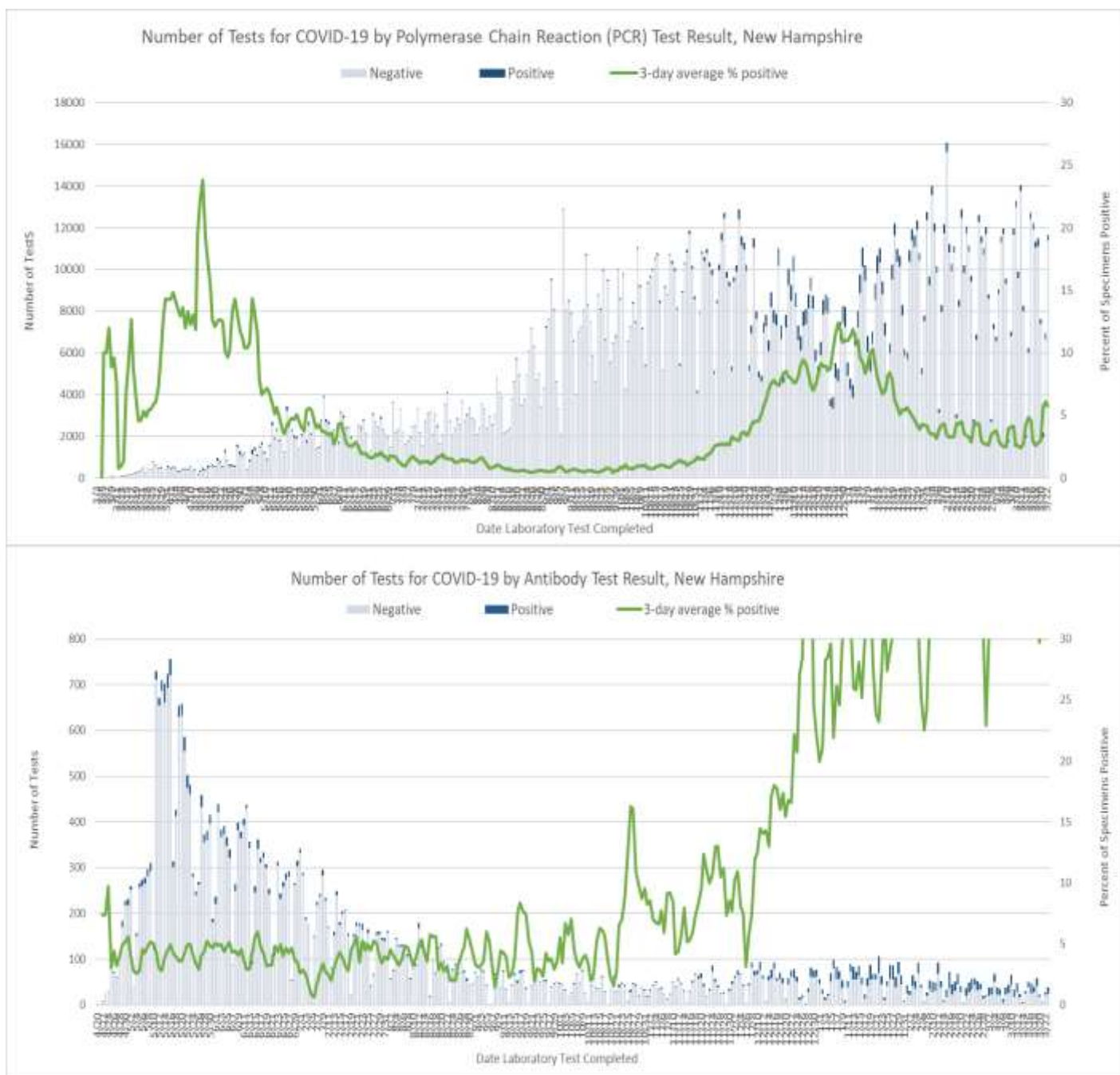
Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Tests								
Testing Laboratory	3/17	3/18	3/19	3/20	3/21	3/22	3/23	Daily Average
NH Public Health Laboratories	549	734	646	174	0	24	411	363
LabCorp	510	565	375	462	296	426	500	448
Quest Diagnostics	749	558	508	405	427	359	370	482
Mako Medical	482	65	53	23	9	8	556	171
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	406	447	488	276	110	134	9	267
NorDX Laboratory	342	377	269	114	83	68	479	247
Broad Institute	4,868	2,789	5,318	2,385	615	1,009	5,202	3,169
Other NH Hospital Laboratory	701	481	501	292	225	361	405	424
Other Laboratory*	875	687	627	249	265	361	244	473
University of New Hampshire**	2,764	4,635	2,703	3,232	149	4,179	3,473	3,019
Total	12,246	11,338	11,488	7,612	2,179	6,929	11,649	9,063
Antibody Laboratory Tests								
Testing Laboratory	3/17	3/18	3/19	3/20	3/21	3/22	3/23	Daily Average
LabCorp	15	10	10	7	2	2	18	9
Quest Diagnostics	18	13	21	9	2	6	10	11
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	3	10	8	5	1	5	0	5
NorDX Laboratory	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0

Other Laboratory*	8	3	10	1	2	8	0	5
Total	45	36	49	22	7	22	28	30

* Includes out-of-state public health laboratories, out-of-state hospital laboratories, and other commercial laboratories not already listed in the table.

Note: Patients who had both antibody and polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests are accounted for in both tables.

** Includes tests conducted at the UNH laboartory and their contracted lab Veritas.



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For more information, please visit the DHHS COVID-19 webpage at <https://www.nh.gov/covid19>.

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